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Sir:

Further to the Disclosure Statement filed June 4, 2001, and pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, the following information, which was not readily available to Applicant's representative at the time of the filing of the June 4, 2001 Disclosure Statement, is brought to the attention of the Examiner, which information was cited in an International Search Report (filed in English and Japanese with the application) and an International Preliminary Examination Report (filed in Japanese with the application and filed in English with the June 4, 2001 Disclosure Statement), both issued in connection with International Application No. PCT/JP99/04834. The Examiner is referred to the International Search Report and the International Preliminary Examination Report for an indication of the relevance given by the International Examiner to the cited documents relative to the claims of the International application.

AIDA et al., "Identification of Tumor-Associated Antigen that is Expressed on Bovine Leukemia Virus-Induced Lymphosarcoma Cells and Expression of its Human Homologue in Human T-cell Lymphotrophic Virus I-infected Cell Lines", Leukemia, Vol. 8, pp. 231-234 (1994); and

KOGUCHI et al. "Changes in the Distribution of Cells Expressing Tumor-Associated Antigen in Lymph Nodes during the Progression of Enzootic Bovine Leukosis" J. Compara. Pathol., Vol. 115, pp. 343-352 (1996).

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by initialling in the appropriate spaces on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicant. It is also requested that these documents be identified in the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application.

The disclosure of the above documents does not constitute an admission that any particular document is relevant or material to the claims, or is prior analogous art with respect to the present application. The citation of these documents is not to be construed as a representation that no better art exists, or that a search has been made.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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